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1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing assets controlled by members of an organization, said organization having a central server configured to access data and software systems of said organization, comprising the steps of:

identifying one or more of said assets for management and submitting an asset disposition request to said central server;

at the central server, automatically, based on receipt of said asset disposition request, obtaining all required approvals for said asset disposition request;

at the central server, automatically, based on said obtaining of all required approvals, effecting said asset disposition request; and

at the central server, automatically modifying said data to reflect said effected disposition request.

2. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said step of automatically modifying said data comprises modifying financial data of said organization.

3. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 2, wherein said financial data comprises at least tax records and balance sheets.

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4. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said data includes asset inventory data, personnel data, and financial data, and wherein said software systems of said organization include an automated routing system coupled to said asset inventory data, said personnel data, and said financial data, said step of automatically obtaining all required approvals comprising at least the steps of:

identifying from said asset inventory data all assets affected by said asset disposition request;

determining from if said identified assets meet a predetermined disposition criteria; if said predetermined disposition criteria has been met, identifying from said personnel data any personnel required to approve said asset disposition request;

requesting approvals from said identified personnel using said automated routing system; and

receiving said approvals from said identified personnel using said automated routing system.

5. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 4, wherein said step of automatically effecting said asset disposition request comprises at least the steps of:

changing the control status of identified assets in accordance with said asset disposition request;

notifying, using said automated routing system, any member of said organization

responsible for effecting said disposition request;

receiving, from said member(s) of said organization responsible for effecting said disposition request, confirmation that said asset disposition request has been effected; and notifying, using said automated routing system, all members of said organization affected by said disposition.

6. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 5, wherein said disposition comprises transferring said identified asset(s) from one member to another member of said organization.

7. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 5, wherein said disposition comprises selling said identified asset(s) to a third party outside of said organization. (Original)

8. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 5, wherein said disposition comprises transferring said identified asset(s) from one department to another department within said organization.

9. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 5, wherein said disposition comprises retiring said identified asset(s).

10. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 5, wherein said disposition comprises placing said identified asset(s) in a list of surplus assets for a predetermined period of time.

11. (Currently amended) A system for managing assets controlled by members of an organization, said organization having a central server configured to access data and software systems of said organization, comprising:

means for identifying one or more of said assets for management and submitting an asset disposition request to said central server;

means for automatically, at the central server, based on receipt of said asset disposition request, obtaining all required approvals for said asset disposition request;

means for automatically, at the central server, based on said obtaining of all required approvals, effecting said asset disposition request; and

means for automatically, at the central server, modifying said data to reflect said effected disposition request.

12. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 11, wherein said means for automatically modifying said data modifies financial data of said organization.

13. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 12, wherein said financial data comprises at least tax records and balance sheets.

14. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 11, wherein said data includes asset inventory data, personnel data, and financial data, and wherein said software systems of said organization include an automated routing system coupled to said asset inventory data, said personnel data, and said financial data, said means for automatically obtaining all required approvals comprising at least:

means for identifying from said asset inventory data all assets affected by said asset disposition request;

means for determining if said identified asset(s) meet a predetermined disposition criteria;

means for identifying from said personnel data, if said predetermined disposition criteria has been met, any personnel required to approve said asset disposition request;

means for requesting approvals from said identified personnel using said automated routing system; and

means for receiving said approvals from said identified personnel using said automated routing system.

15. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 14, wherein said means for automatically effecting said asset disposition request comprises at least:

means for changing the control status of identified assets in accordance with said asset disposition request;

means for notifying any member of said organization responsible for effecting said

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disposition request;

means for receiving, from said member(s) of said organization responsible for effecting said disposition request, confirmation that said asset disposition request has been effected; and means for notifying all members of said organization affected by said disposition.

16. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said disposition comprises transferring said identified asset(s) from one member to another member of said organization.

17. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said disposition comprises selling said identified asset(s) to a third party outside of said organization.

18. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said disposition comprises transferring said identified asset(s) from one department to another department within said organization.

19. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said disposition comprises retiring said identified asset(s).

20. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said disposition comprises placing said identified asset(s) in a list of surplus assets for a predetermined period of time.

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21. (Original) A computer program product for managing assets controlled by members of an organization, said organization having a central server configured to access data and software systems of said organization, the computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program code comprising:

computer-readable program code that identifies one or more of said assets for management and submits an asset disposition request to said central server;

computer-readable program code that automatically, based on receipt of said asset disposition request, obtains all required approvals for said asset disposition request;

computer-readable program code that automatically, based on said obtaining of all required approvals, effects said asset disposition request; and

computer-readable program code that automatically modifies said data to reflect said effected disposition request.

22. (Original) A computer program product as set forth in claim 21, wherein the computer-readable program code that automatically modifies said data comprises computer-readable program code that modifies financial data of said organization.

23. (Original) A computer program product as set forth in claim 22, wherein said financial data comprises at least tax records and balance sheets.

24. (Original) A computer program product as set forth in claim 21, wherein said data includes asset inventory data, personnel data, and financial data, and wherein said software systems of said organization include an automated routing system coupled to said asset inventory data, said personnel data, and said financial data, and wherein the computer-readable program code that automatically obtains all required approvals comprises at least:

computer-readable program code that identifies from said asset inventory data all assets affected by said asset disposition request;

computer-readable program code that determines if said identified assets meet a predetermined disposition criteria;

computer-readable program code that, if said predetermined disposition criteria has been met, identifies from said personnel data any personnel required to approve said asset disposition request;

computer-readable program code that requests approvals from said identified personnel using said automated routing system; and

computer-readable program code that receives said approvals from said identified personnel using said automated routing system.

25. (Original) A computer program product as set forth in claim 24, wherein the computer-readable program code that automatically effects said asset disposition request comprises at least:

computer-readable program code that changes the control status of identified assets in accordance with said asset disposition request;

computer-readable program code that notifies, using said automated routing system, any member of said organization responsible for effecting said disposition request;

computer-readable program code that receives, from said member(s) of said organization responsible for effecting said disposition request, confirmation that said asset disposition request has been effected; and

computer-readable program code that notifies, using said automated routing system, all members of said organization affected by said disposition.

26. (Original) A computer program product as set forth in claim 25, wherein said disposition comprises transferring said identified asset(s) from one member to another member of said organization.

27. (Original) A computer program product as set forth in claim 25, wherein said disposition comprises selling said identified asset(s) to a third party outside of said organization.

28. (Original) A computer program product as set forth in claim 25, wherein said disposition comprises transferring said identified asset(s) from one department to another department within said organization.

29. (Original) A computer program product as set forth in claim 25, wherein said disposition comprises retiring said identified asset(s).

30. (Original) A computer program product as set forth in claim 25, wherein said disposition comprises placing said identified asset(s) in a list of surplus assets for a predetermined period of time.